

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division**

**GENERAL ORDER
No. 99-5**

Assignment of Cases

IT IS ORDERED that General Order 98-21 dated September 30, 1998 is vacated as of the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Each judge listed below serves the counties designated and regular sessions of court shall be held in the places indicated.

Judge	County	Place of Holding Court
Hon. Susan Pierson Sonderby	Cook	Chicago
Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer	Cook	Chicago
Hon. Robert E. Ginsberg	Cook Kane	Chicago Geneva
Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff	Cook	Chicago
Hon. Erwin I. Katz	Cook	Chicago
Hon. Ronald Barliant	Cook Lake	Chicago Waukegan
Hon. John H. Squires	Cook DuPage	Chicago Wheaton
Hon. Joan Humphrey Lefkow	Cook Grundy Kendall LaSalle Will	Chicago Joliet
Hon. Carol A. Doyle	Cook	Chicago
Hon. John D. Schwartz	Cook	Chicago

2. Chapter 7 Cases

- a. Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the calendar of the judge designated to serve the county of domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except where said county is Cook County.
- b. Cases filed under Chapter 7 where the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System, the ratio of assignments are as follows:

Judge	Number of Assignments
Sonderby	11
Schmetterer	11
Ginsberg	5
Wedoff	11
Katz	11
Barliant	5
Squires	2
Lefkow	0
Doyle	11
Schwartz	11

3. Chapter 11 Cases

Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 11, regardless of the county in the Eastern Division of the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, shall be assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System, with each judge designated to serve in the Eastern Division receiving an equal number of assignments, except Judge Schwartz, who shall be assigned one-fourth the number of cases as the other judges.

4. Chapter 12 Cases

- a. Cases filed under Chapter 12 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the judge designated to serve the county of the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except where said county is Cook County.
- b. Cases filed under Chapter 12 of Title 11 where the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System with each judge designated to serve in the Eastern Division receiving an equal number of assignments.

5. Chapter 13 Cases

- a. Cases filed under the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 11 shall be assigned to the calendar of the judge designated to serve the county of domicile, residence, principle place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except where said county is Cook county.
- b. Cases filed under Chapter 13 where the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned by the use of the Computer Assignment System to each judge in the Eastern Division, except no cases filed under Chapter 13 shall be assigned to Chief Judge Sonderby or Recalled Judge Schwartz. The ratio of assignments as follows:

Judge	Number of Assignments
Schmetterer	12
Ginsberg	10
Wedoff	12
Katz	12
Barliant	7
Squires	8
Lefkow	6
Doyle	12

6. Related Cases

If a case is related as defined by Local Bankruptcy Rule 312.A, it shall be assigned to the judge of the previously assigned case, except that related Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases arising from the counties of DuPage, Kane, Grundy, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle and Will shall be assigned to the judge designated to serve that county.

7. Reopened Cases

a. Reopened cases shall be assigned to the judge designated to serve the county of the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity, except where said county is Cook County.

b. Reopened cases where the domicile, residence, principal place of business or principal assets of the person or entity is in Cook County shall be assigned to the judge previously assigned the case. If that judge is not sitting, the clerk will assign the case at random.

8. The clerk is authorized to modify the automated case assignment system to conform with the ratios and terms set forth in this order.

9. This Order shall be effective as of the opening of business on Tuesday, July 27, 1999.

Enter For the Court:

SUSAN PIERSON SONDERBY
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: July 20, 1999